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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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June 4, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Over five years have passed since President Carter, partly at your urging, deemed the SALT II treaty unsuitable for ratification by the U.S. Senate. You have never submitted that treaty for our ratification. Nevertheless, throughout the life of that treaty you have acted as if the U.S. Senate had ratified it.

Over the past year and a half you have reported that the Soviets have violated every significant arms control agreement we have with them, including SALT II. No one suggests any means by which to force them to comply.

The question is, therefore, shall you continue to abide unilaterally by treaties and agreements that the Soviets have violated and that have expired anyhow? Unilateral compliance is unilateral disarmament.

We urge that you answer "No." We also urge you to reject the option of violating only the provisions the Soviets violate. That option would give the Soviet Union control over what we do and don't do, and, above all, keep our defense planning within a framework that is fundamentally wrong. For us to be bound by the spirit of the SALT treaties, which the Soviets have espoused openly but never accepted, and to publicly violate would give this country the worst of all worlds. Besides, is there anyone who will seriously argue that the Soviets would refrain from doing anything they wanted to do because of any words of ours? No. The Soviets will build what they think best. Let us look after our own interests. Adherence to an unratified, expiring, violated treaty is publicly confusing, constitutionally problematic, and strategically unwise. We urge you to end it forthrightly.

Sincerely,

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